

Loudoun County EMS Advisory Council, Inc.

Minutes

January 20, 2004

The November meeting of the Loudoun County EMS Advisory Council, Inc. was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2004, at the Loudoun Hospital Center-Cornwall Campus. Chairman Leo C. Kelly presided; the meeting began at 1935 hours. The following were in attendance:

Co. 1	Yes	Co. 9	Yes	Co. 17	Yes
Co. 2	Yes	Co. 10	Yes	LCFR	Yes
Co. 3	Yes	Co. 11	Yes	LFAS	Yes
Co. 4	Yes	Co. 12	Yes	Lifeline	No
Co. 5	No	Co. 13	Yes	Pub. Health	Excused
Co. 6	Yes	Co. 14	Yes	LHC	Yes
Co. 7	No	Co. 15	Yes	OMD	Excused
Co. 8	Yes	Co. 16	No	LCSO	Yes

Public Comments:

None

Delegate Comments

None

Minutes

Due to weather concerns and an outbreak of respiratory illnesses in the County in December 2003, the December 2003, meeting of the EMS Council was cancelled.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were for November 18, 2003. A motion was made and seconded that the minutes be approved as presented. The being no discussion on the motion, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Allie Love, Treasurer, provided the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2004, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Committee Reports:

Public Health

No report – Dr. David Goodfriend and Ms. Gloria Collins are both at the Board of Supervisors Budget Hearing this evening.

LCSO

Deputy Slider reported that everything was good and that he had no issues to discuss with the Council. In addition, there were no concerns expressed by Council Delegates.

LHC

David Goldberg, Vice President and Executive Director for Loudoun Healthcare Foundation made a presentation on the status of getting the old hospital back up and running. This is a two-phase project.

The first phase was the opening the Cornwell Street ER that was completed last year. Phase two will be the expansion of out patient services and a request that has been submitted for the opening of beds at the Cornwall Street site.

The hospital is also looking at adding 40 additional beds at the Lansdowne campus. They have also applied for 12 additional ICU beds and also have submitted an application for the establishment of a Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at Lansdowne. He stated that the hospital has already reached an agreement with a group to staff the Catheterization Laboratory if it is approved.

A brief discussion on the use of vehicle sirens when coming down Memorial Drive and approaching the Cornwall Street ER occurred between the delegates and Mr. Goldberg.

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Mr. Goldberg was advised by the Chair, that the issues related to the transfer of patients from Cornwall Street to Lansdowne has not been resolved and that we continue to receive complaints from patients and their families about costs associated with the transfers. Many patients and even their physicians are requesting to bypass the Cornwall Street facility. Mr. Goldberg said that he would follow-up on the issue.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Goldberg for his past and continuing support.

ALS Committee

Leo Kelly provided a report and the minutes of the January 19, 2004, meeting. A copy of the minutes is attached.

BLS Committee

Chairman Kelly reported that there would be a revamping of the committee. A plan would be put in place to determine the purpose and direction of the committee.

Rescue Chiefs

Kit Fraley provided a report and the minutes of the October meeting are attached.

NVEMSC

No formal report. The next meeting is February 19, 2004.

Chairman Kelly reported that efforts are under way to attempt to hold an EMT Instructor program in the Northern Virginia EMS Council Region. The Northern Virginia EMS Council has submitted the request to the OEMS and it is hoped that they will look favorably upon the request.

Squad Truck and Standards Committee

Recommended standards were submitted to the Rescue Chiefs at the January meeting. Discussion and approval of recommendations was tabled to the February meeting to allow Rescue chiefs to discuss with them with their companies.

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Peer Review

BLS call sheets are being reviewed again.

The committee will be having a brain storming session this month to see how they may improve the committee. There is also a planned meeting with the Medical Director to look at what is being done at the present and how to improve the process and also the feedback to system members.

LCFR

Howard Dawley has been appointed as the Deputy Chief of Training. Recruit class 10 started on 10/16/04 with 16 recruits.

Fire- Rescue Commission

Allie love reported that the Commission is currently focusing on budget issues.

Public Education

Barbara Murphy, Chair of the Public Education Committee gave a report on a program focusing on child safety that will take place in April. The course "Precious Cargo-handle with Care" will be offered on April 24, 2004, and is scheduled for the County Administration Building.

Old Business

The installation of Station mounted narcotic boxes is still in progress.

Fast Lane will be doing an evaluation of all EMS units in the County to ascertain the feasibility of adding thermoregulation system to existing drug compartments. A report should be forthcoming in the next couple of months along with a quote to complete the project. Once the information is received, it will be brought to the EMS Council for approval.

Chairman Kelly reminded the delegates present that the EMS Council is still in need of a letter from several companies appointing their delegates for 2004. The letter or e-mail

should be sent to Deputy Chief Jay Brown, Secretary of the EMS Council at 16600 Courage Court, Leesburg, VA 20175 or by e-mail at Jbrown@loudoun.gov.

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Chairman Kelly explained the Matching funds grant approved by the EMS Council and outlined a funding proposal approved by the Executive Committee of the EMS Council. The proposal will enable us to meet the majority of the requests submitted. A copy of the proposal and changes in budget items is attached.

A motion was made by Co. 13 and 2nd by Co. 3 to approve funding proposal as presented. There being no further discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Kelly advised that the Secretary, Deputy Chief Jay Brown would be sending a notification letter in compliance with the approved Matching Funds Project approved by the EMS Council, to the designated person on the application request advising them that the request has been approved and outlining the procedures to follow in compliance with the project.

New Business

Chairman Kelly gave a brief synopsis of the revised ALS Protocols/Policies/Procedures approved by the ALS Committee.

A motion made by Co.3 and 2nd by Co.10 to approve the revisions to the ALS Protocols/ Policies and Procedures as approved and submitted by the ALS Committee. There being no further discussion on the matter a vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

The communications division presented a proposed change to the current dispatch assignments for an injury at a construction site. At the present time only an EMS unit is sent to an injury at a construction site. Very often an engine company is called to assist. Therefore, communications would like to have an engine company automatically dispatched to assist the EMS unit on any dispatch to an injury at a construction site.

A motion was made and seconded, that the dispatch procedure be approved pending the approval of the Rescue Chief's Committee. There being no further discussion on the motion a vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

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Chief Fraley presented the EMS Council with a Training form to report missed classes to the Training Division. This form will replace the current process of issuing multiple letters for a missed class or for a projected missed class. The form has been approved by the Rescue Chief's Committee and recommended for approval by the EMS Council.

A motion was made and seconded, to approve the attendance form approved by the Rescue Chief's Committee. There being no further discussion on the motion a vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

Since there was no further business to be discussed:

A motion was made and 2nd that the meeting be adjourned. There being no further discussion on the motion a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2130 hours.

2-3-04 JVS